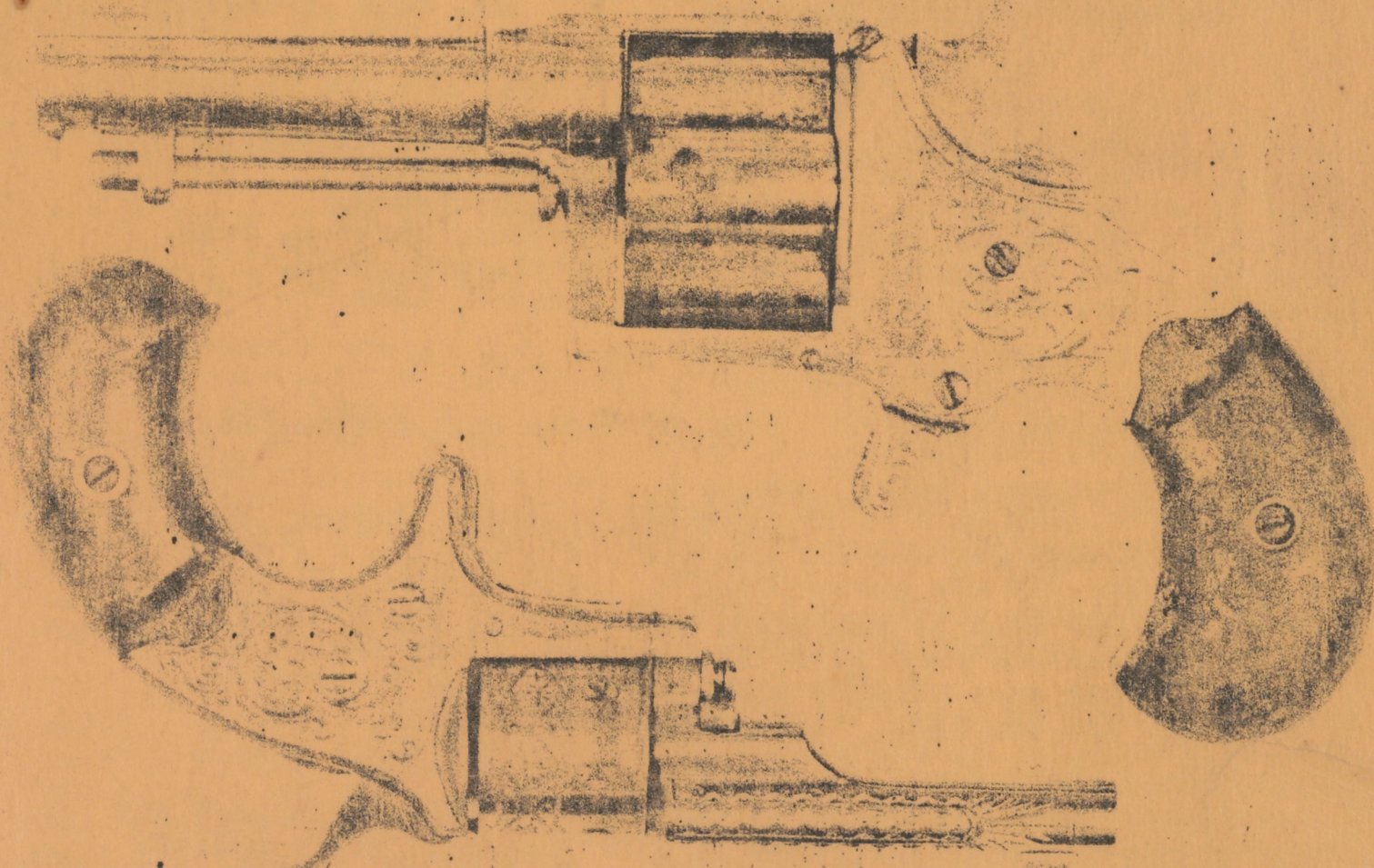


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EDITORIAL

Well, we have come to the end of another successful year, we have had three good gun shows and next year we hope for four - Regina, Saskatoon, Rivers (I hope) and Moose Jaw, which is now swinging into organizing one.

There has been much swapping and trading and from some of the remarks I have overheard it would appear that the gun collectors are taking over the horse trading business from the used-car salesmen. We are slowly but surely expanding and I hope to see more and more business transacted through the SWAP column section of this journal. Let us print your wants for those springs, hammers or other parts. You will get replies.

Next year we hope to put in a display in one of the show cases in the Natural History Museum at Regina. This display will feature the evolution of firearms and ammunition along with some items of particular Canadian interest. All the material on display will be fully covered by insurance, paid by the Association. So now, gentlemen it is up to you. What can you loan us for this display. Drop your editor a line.

Thanking you for your support - - - - -

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

The Saskatchewan Gun Collectors Association can now look back on two years of very successful operations. We have seen the organization grow from a small nucleus to an operative group of one hundred and eighty members located throughout Canada and the United States. Our publication has not missed an issue and has remained the best magazine of its kind in the Dominion. We have conducted two black powder shoots and several well-attended gun shows, and not one could in any sense be called a flop. Our successes are not the result of any one man's work or the effort of a few. It is the result of a combined drive by all the members, working in harmony.

It is not unusual in organizations such as ours to find members working at cross purposes with each other or with the executive. It is also fairly common to find a small firmly entrenched group holding the balance of power and running the show just to suit themselves. We, however, have been successful in avoiding these problems and we must continue in the same way if the Association is to remain a vital growing body. It is a wonderful experience to attend meetings free from friction, petty bickering and clashes of personality. This can

only happen where every member puts the welfare of the Association ahead of his own personal likes and dislikes. Of course, there is a certain amount of rivalry whenever two or more members are after the same gun. This is as it should be, but I know of no case where bad feelings have resulted from any such deals. This certainly proves that gun collectors as a group are bigger and better men than can be found in other clubs.

The day of easy gun collecting has passed. There are not too many good items left in the attics and sheds which can be had for next to nothing. Collectors are going to have to pay the price or specialize in one field and trade with other gun collectors. Our recent auctions have proved this point and they are becoming increasingly important in our operations.

Next year in addition to our regular activities we are planning a display of firearms which will be open to the public from 9:-- a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. This display will last over one month and you will be hearing more of it as we get into the organization of it. This will be run in the Museum of Natural History, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Some thought is being given to having one of the national weekly magazines doing a photo-and-story coverage of our black powder shoot. Within the best of our knowledge it is the only one of its kind in Canada.

In closing may I extend to all members my wishes and hopes for a very Merry Christmas and Good Gun Collecting in the Coming Year.

Jack C. Stead,
President.

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B O O K R E V I E W S

The Treasury of the Gun \$17.50 pp246
by Harold L. Peterson

Ridge Press
New York, USA

It is very seldom that one gets the opportunity to handle a book such as this. It is the history of guns from the day of Francis Bacon up and to the introduction of magazine arms. It is very beautifully illustrated by very many colored photographs. Some unusual and exciting weapons appear in these pages, not to mention the Kalthoff and Lorenzoni lever-action, magazine loading wheellocks and flintlocks of the mid-seventeen century. For the man who wants one good book to cover the history of firearms with good photographs this is it. (SJK)

THE MEMBERS WRITE

Editor,

Enclosed \$2.00 for membership fee for Claude Crayston.....
if you could supply me with a few membership application forms.....

I received two odd cartridges the other day and was wondering if you could advise me what they are. They are approximately .32 calibre and have a silver colored casing, (metal unknown). There is no rim and the shell is slightly tapered. The base of the shell shows no sign of a primer and is cupped inward with the design of a "U" in the centre.

Jack Willis, R.C.M.P., Brandon, Manitoba.

You have what is known as a 'hollow-base' cartridge, which is generally called a 'cup-primer'. This was made by the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., and was designed to be fired in the Plant revolver. This was loaded from the front of the cylinder in order to avoid infringement on the Rollin White patent held by Smith and Wesson. Plant received his patent in July of 1859. (Fitz)

Editor,

I have a .40-90 Ballard in very good shape and would like to fire it, however I find ammunition expensive and difficult to procure. Where can I get cheap ammunition or can I rechamber to a less obsolete calibre.

Roger Phillips, 64 Bobolink Bay, Regina, Sask.

I would not suggest rechambering as there is no low power modern cartridge suitable. You can use reloads by forming your ammunition from .348 brass. First trim your case to 2.02 inches long and then expand the neck to hold bullets of .398 diameter, which you will use. The shoulder will have to be set back until you can close the breech. Using black powder your charge should not exceed 90 grains, or if you prefer smokeless powder then a charge of 4759 which should not exceed 25 grains can be used. In all cases start your charge low and work up. (Fitz)

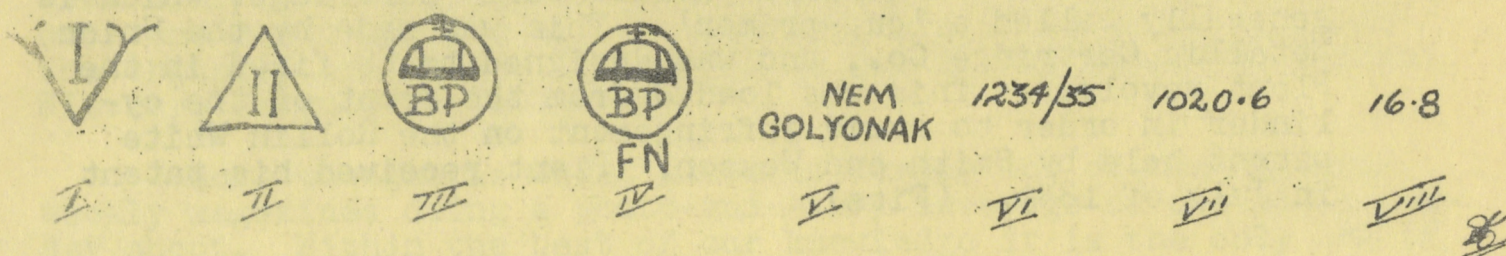
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The column 'THE MEMBERS WRITE' is a service provided to all members free of charge. Questions will be answered, if possible, or the information published to see if we can find an answer. Views can be aired here, or anything else said so long as the material refers to firearms or to Association business. (Editor)

HUNGARIAN PROOF MARKS

by S. J. Kirby

It was in November 1891 that Hungary adopted her laws of proof for all firearms. These laws covered all domestic and foreign manufactured firearms, except for those bearing the stamps of some recognized Proof Houses. Smoothbore weapons had to undergo two proofs, the first or provisional in the white and the second or definite in the finished state.



1. Proof mark for barrels in the white.
2. Second provisional proof mark used on multi-barrel firearms in the white after the barrels had been soldered together.
3. Definite proof with black-powder.
4. Definite proof with smokeless or nitro powders.
5. The translation of this means "not for ball". Used with choked bored shot-guns where solid balls of full calibre were NOT to be used.
6. This is the proof serial number followed by the last two digits of the year in which the proof tests were made.
7. This is the weight of the barrel or barrels in grams, to one decimal place. In this case the weight is $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds.
8. This is the bore diameter to one decimal place given in millimeters. In this particular case the calibre is that of a 16 gauge shotgun.

RIVERS GUN SHOW

by F. Osipoff

The first Gun Show out of the province for the S.G.C.A. was held at Rivers, Manitoba on October 21, 1962. Those of you that attended know it was a success, and for those who could not make it, my regrets, for the show was well worth the effort to attend.

The night before the show a little social was held at the Alexandra Hotel, for the members who attended the night before. After attending several of these socials myself I can say one thing GUN COLLECTORS ARE SOCIAL.

Public attendance was also very good. The registration desk was not manned for a good part of the day, but 216 people signed the register, and it is estimated that at least twice as many did not sign. There was also a very good turnout of members at the show, with members from the surrounding area, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Regina, and southern Saskatchewan. I would estimate that about 40 members of the S.G.C.A. were at the show.

The show was housed in the Legion Hall, and all the tables available were sold. A group of boy scouts were in attendance and they assisted in looking after the tables, and this left exhibitors free to browse around and trade.

The quality of guns displayed was excellent, with the displays of F. Harvey, S. White, J. Gilling and C. Ursel standing out. One cannot go into detail on the guns exhibited but the following items deserve mention. Louis Riel's gun, a beautiful set of cases Manton pistols, Almighty voices gun, a gun made by a northern trapper (completely hand made), some one-of-a-kind British Military weapons, and a Luger carbine with shoulder stock.

One cannot pass over the Andrew's display. The one of one-thousand Winchester had a place of prominence at the show, along with many other good and interesting early Winchesters.

All in all, the show was all that one could wish for. Unfortunately the auction was a little slow, but it was observed that trading and selling was quite brisk. I will say this, the general quality of arms at the show was superior to the quality displayed at some of the other shows. Most guns displayed were of excellent quality, and there was enough one of a kind items to make a dedicated gun collector sit down and weep.

I hope that this show will become an annual affair, as it has the makings of a very good show and fills a void in the activity calander of the Association.

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THE .30 U.S. M1 CARBINE

by- the gunner

In recent years a number of collectors have been adding the U.S. Carbine, calibre .30 M1, to their collections and as a result we have had some inquiries about the history and performance of these weapons. So here, for the interested, are a few notes that may be of use.

Shortly after World War II broke out the United States Army Ordnance Board decided that a short and light weight self-loading rifle would be of more use to officers, N.C.O's, artillery and tank units than a rifle or pistol. As a result submission of test models were called for and in 1941 Ordnance and field tests were carried out on seven weapons submitted by Springfield Armoury, Winchester, Savage Arms, Harrington & Richardson, Hyde, Woodhull and the Auto-Ordnance Co. The model made by the Winchester company was found to be the most acceptable and was officially adopted towards the end of 1941. This had a total length of 35 inches, with a barrel of 18 inches and weighed only $4\frac{3}{4}$ pounds, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound lighter than the original Ordnance specifications called for.

The cartridge used in this carbine was developed from the .32 Winchester rim-less rifle cartridge. It fired a 110 grain bullet with a muzzle velocity of 1975 feet per second, giving a muzzle energy of 950 foot pounds approximately.

There were two modifications or other models of this carbine made. The first had a folding stock and a wooden pistol grip and was designed for use by paratroop regiments. This model is known as the calibre .30 M1 AI. The second modification, designated the calibre .30 M2, had a selection lever that gave either full automatic or semi-automatic fire.

For those who hunt or wish to hunt with this weapon it is pointed out that ballistically it is about the equivalent of the .32-40 Winchester Cartridge and consequently is not for use on large or dangerous game. The accurate range is about 300 yards and the maximum range about 2,000 yards. To make the M1 into a full automatic or M2 it is necessary to add a selection lever among other parts, so that without these parts a conversion is not feasible.

BUILDING YOUR OWN

by Roy Mathieson

Muzzle loading guns offer a lot more fun and cheaper shooting on the range than do their modern counterparts. This enjoyment is more than doubled when you are shooting your own blackpowder pistol. Not having a muzzleloader of my own and not being able to find a good one of target quality I decided to build my own to satisfy the desire to have something different. So started a project that took twelve months to complete. For those who would like to try this for themselves here is a few notes on how I went about the construction of what turned out to be a very nice surprise when it was finished.

A ten inch .36 calibre barrel was purchased from the Douglas Company in the States to give me a gun of 100 gauge. Rather than manufacture a locking mechanism I used one from a double barrel percussion shotgun made by Moore of London. This was complete with hammer and trigger assembly. I had the breechplug made by a fellow member of the association and a well known part-time gunsmith, Al Copeman. And with all this in hand I found that my work was just beginning.

I attached to the barrel and plug unit a tang assembly by means of a pivoting hinge and inletted the whole into a wild cherry stock which was still in the rough. Finishing this was done by first rough shaping or inletting to just under metal size. I then covered the metal parts with a mixture of prussian blue mixed in mineral jelly. This mixture left a blueish stain on the wood when the metal parts were fitted, giving a visible indication of the areas in which more wood was needed to be removed.

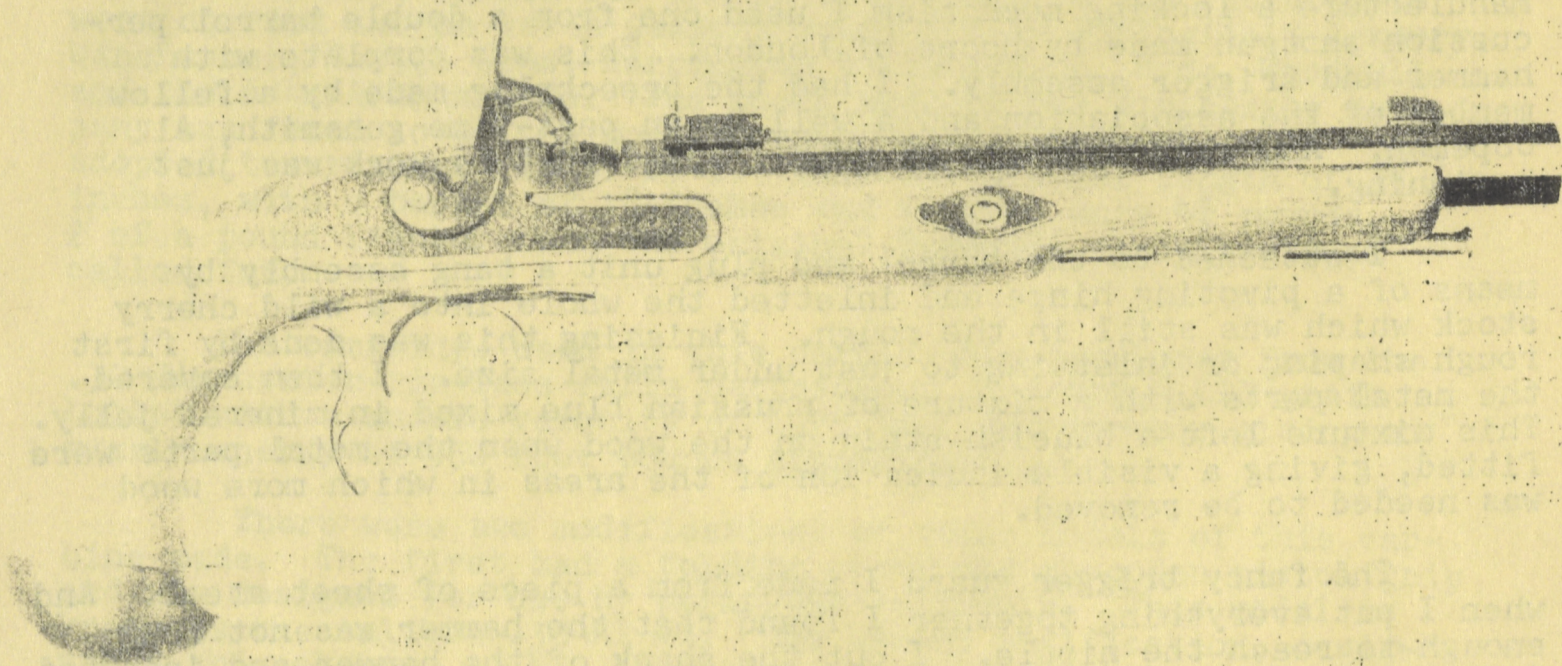
The fancy trigger guard I made from a piece of sheet steel. And when I put everything together I found that the hammer was not long enough to reach the nipple. I cut the shank of the hammer and inserted a piece of similar metal with the use of the shielded arc welding equipment. This was then filed to shape bringing the percussion head of the hammer to rest on the nipple, which was tapped directly into a milled recess in the breech plug.

To hold the barrel to the stock I attached a lug to its underside. Stainless steel sideplates were then inletted into the stock either side of this lug to take the stock pin. The ramrod was made from mahogany with a brass tip and ferrule. The ramrod pipe or tube was made from stainless steel and fitted to the stock. This acted as a guide for the drill I used to make the housing for the ramrod. The stock was finished full length with a butt-cap of purple heart ~~amarant~~ as a contrasting piece.

With the exception of the stainless steel all of the rest of the metal parts were polished and blued and the stock finished by hand rubbing with oil. The barrel when it was originally received was a few inches too long and from the excess I cut off I made a false muzzle

with four pins arranged so as to fit into four holes drilled in the face of the muzzle. Here great care has to be taken to keep the lands and grooves in correct alignment.

A bullet mold was obtained from the Dixie Arms Company and having cast a number of balls I started experimenting with various charges to discover a suitable load. At present I find that a greased patched ball seated in front of nine grains of FFG give me the best results putting most of my shots into the ten ring at 20 yards.



THE WALTHER PISTOL

by J. Fitzgerald

It was in 1886 that Karl Walther opened his own small gunsmithing shop in Zella Mehlis, a town near Suhl, Germany, that has a history of arms making predating the middle of the fifteenth century. Here was made the matchlocks, the wheel-locks, the swords and other arms used in the European wars of the middle ages, and it was here that they made the flintlocks used in the Napoleonic wars. It was here, too, that the famous sidearm issued to the German troops in World War II was designed and manufactured. I am speaking of the P.38; the factory, it is of interest to note was never bombed. Some concern was caused to the local gunsmiths when the local breweries were knocked out by allied bombers by mistake.

It was Karl Walther who designed and built the first successful German made pocket pistol. This was of 6.35 mm calibre (.25 ACP) and was produced in 1908 to take advantage of the demand created by foreign self loading pistols of the same bore. This little gun was known as the "WALTHER MODEL I", sometimes called the Model 1909 since it really hit the market in a big way that year. The mechanism is of the simple blow-back type, with the barrel unclosed by the slide on the top. This was followed by the Model 2 in 1909 in which the barrel is completely enclosed except for the ejection port. This pistol had the slide retained by a knurled bushing screwed to the muzzle. The Model 2 had a rather unusual loading indicator, when the chamber is empty the rear sight drops down almost flush with the top of the slide and when loaded the sight rises up for aiming and firing.

In 1910 the Walther Model 3 was introduced. This is very similar to the Model 2 except for the barrel bushing which is not knurled and the ejection port which is on the left hand side. The calibre too is different, the bore having been increased to 7.65 mm for the Browning cartridge. In the same year the Model 4 was put on sale and it too was in the 7.65 mm calibre. The weapon, itself, is somewhat bigger too, with a longer grip to hold a larger magazine. This particular pistol was primarily designed for police work but was used during World War I by a number of army officers and because of this it is sometimes called the Model 1914. Like the Model 3 it ejected spent case to the left. In 1913 Walther produced and marketed their Model 5. This was nothing more than an improved and better finished Model 2.

The first large calibre pistol made by Walther was in 1915, when a handgun was called for in order to help arm the military. This was chambered for the 9 mm Luger cartridge, the official calibre of German military sidearms. After 1917 this particular model was discontinued. For those collectors who may own one of these pistols it should be noted that they are extremely unsafe to shoot, since the breech is not locked at any time during the firing cycle. The recoiled spring becomes fatigued and weak from the heavy recoil fairly easily allowing the breech to open prematurely. This pistol is referred to as the Model 6 and was followed by a smaller version in calibre .25 ACP in 1917 designated

the Model 7. This latter was used to some extent by German staff officers.

The next pistol produced by the Walther factory was the Model 8, sometimes called the 'League of Nations Model'. This was manufactured in 1920 under the authority of the League and from the point of view of quality was of the same standard as their pre-war production. Like the Model 7 in the first World War the Model 8 was used in the second World War as a second pistol, especially by the S.S. and the Airforce. It can be classified as the ancestor of all later pistols made by this factory, since it incorporated most of the features found in them. This particular pistol was used, for a long time in Europe as a target gun where it won many matches.

In 1921 in answer to demands for a better finished pocket pistol the Model 9 was produced. This could be procured in various fancy and engraved grades. To a great degree it resembled the Model 1, in that the top of the barrel was not enclosed by the slide. A safety feature is provided by the tail of the firing-pin which protrudes through the back of the slide when the weapon is cocked.

In 1929 the Walther Model PP was introduced in calibre .32 ACP. Later on this model was chambered for the .22 Long Rifle, the .380 ACP and the .25 ACP. The latter calibre is rather rare and not too frequently found. The mechanism is of the simple blow back type with the barrel mounted to the receiver so that it does not move. This model had a pin the tail of which sticks out the end of the slide when there is a round in the chamber. This model was made during the World War II years and the production of that time is easily recognized by the poor finish and the lack of the Walther trade marks and name. The letters "PP" stand for POLIZE-PISTOLE, indicating that it was originally designed for police work.

The Model PP was followed in 1931 by the Model PPK which was made in the same calibres, the .25 ACP again being the rare one. The letters "PPK" stand for POLIZEPISTOLE KRIMINAL, indicating that it was intended for use by police in plain clothes by giving them a small compact weapon.

In 1937 the Walther H.P. Army Pistol was introduced. This gun was intended to take the place of the Luger and was chambered for the 9 mm Luger cartridge, however, some test models were chambered for the .45 ACP and the .380 ACP. In the next year, 1938, this arm was officially adopted by the German Army and was designated by the title 'PISTOLE 38'. So the famous P-38 was born. Before going on it should be mentioned that the letters H.P. stand for HEERES PISTOLE or Service Pistol. The early models of the P.38 and the H.P. pistols are easily recognized by the firing pins which are of a rectangular shape instead of round where they come through the receiver and exposed to the hammer.

The P.38 was also produced in a very limited quantity in a hammerless model which was dropped from production when World War II broke out. This model has a double safety feature and is a very desirable collectors item.

Just before the war the Walther factory produced a crude and simple pistol which could be manufactured very cheaply. This was chambered for the 9 mm Luger cartridge and looked not unlike the Colt Model 1911 with a very poor finish. Along with this and the foregoing mentioned weapons, Walther also produced a number of very fine target pistols for the .22 Long Rifle and .22 Short cartridges. Among these were plinking types and the famous Walther Olympia target pistol with the adjustable weights.

WALTHER PISTOLS

General Specifications

MODEL 1

Calibre .25 ACP
Overall lgth 4.4 ins
Barrel lgth 2.1 ins
Weight 12½ ozs.
Magazine 6 rds

MODEL 3

Calibre .32 ACP
Overall lgth 5 ins
Barrel lgth 2½ ins
Weight 16½ ozs.
Magazine 6 rds

MODEL 5

Calibre .25 ACP
Overall lgth 4.2 ins
Barrel lgth 2.1 ins
Weight 9½ ozs.
Magazine 6 rds

MODEL 7

Calibre .25 ACP
Overall lgth 5.3 ins
Barrel lgth 3 ins
Weight 11½ ozs.
Magazine 8 rds

MODEL 9

Calibre .25 ACP
Overall lgth 4 ins
Barrel lgth 2 ins
Weight 9 ozs.
Magazine 6 rds

MODEL 2

Calibre .25 ACP
Overall lgth 4.2 ins
Barrel lgth 2.1 ins
Weight 9½ ozs.
Magazine 6 rds

MODEL 4

Calibre .32 ACP
Overall lgth 6 ins
Barrel lgth 3½ ins
Weight 18½ ozs.
Magazine 8 rds

MODEL 6

Calibre 9 mm Luger
Overall lgth 8½ ins
Barrel lgth 4¾ ins
Weight 34 ozs.
Magazine 8 rds

MODEL 8

Calibre .25 ACP
Overall lgth 5.1 ins
Barrel lgth 3 ins
Weight 12¼ ozs (9¼)#
Magazine 8 rds
9¼ ozs in light weight alloy.

MODEL PP

Calibre .32 ACP #
Overall lgth 7 ins
Barrel lgth 3¾ ins
Weight 23 ozs.
Magazine 8 rds

also made in calibres .22 L.R.; .380 ACP; .25 ACP, the last being very rare.

MODEL PPK

Calibre .32 ACP #
Overall lgth 5.8 ins
Barrel lgth $3\frac{1}{4}$ ins
Weight 19 ozs.
Magazine 7 rds

Also in calibres .22 L.R.;
.380 ACP; .25 ACP, the
last being rare.

MODEL H.P. & P.38

Calibre 9 mm (Luger)
Overall lgth $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins
Barrel lgth $4\frac{3}{4}$ ins #
Weight 34 ozs.
Magazine 8 rds

Some made with stubby
barrels just a fraction
longer than the slide.

MODEL "Hammerless Target"

Calibre .22 Long Rifle #
Overall lgth 10 ins
Barrel lgth 6 or 9 ins
Weight 32 ozs (6" bbl)
Magazine 10 rds

Also in .22 Short

MODEL "Funfkampf"

Calibre .22 Long R.
Overall lgth 13 ins
Barrel lgth $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins
Weight 33 ozs. #
Magazine 10 rds

Without the weights.

MODEL "Hunting"

Calibre .22 L.R.
Overall lgth $7\frac{1}{4}$ ins
Barrel lgth 4 ins
Weight $28\frac{1}{4}$ ozs.
Magazine 10 rds

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Watch for the
Saskatoon GUN SHOW
in April.

C O L L E C T O R S C O R N E R

by F. Osipoff

FEATURING THE FRED HARVEY COLLECTION

Fred Harvey of Rivers Manitoba is a very active member of the S.G.C.A. Not only is he the area director for Manitoba, but he did a fine job of organizing the successful show at Rivers. Fred works in a hardware store in Rivers, and lives some 12 miles from there.

Now, to get to the collection. Fred has been collecting about 5 years, but has been collecting cartridges longer than he can remember. His collection consists of some 60 arms, with about 40 rifles. His cartridge collection runs about 400 single specimens with some choice box lots.

Among the rifles are a Sharps carbine in 50/70; a Colt Express in 40/60/260; a Colt 44 lightning; and a couple of 73 Winchesters in very nice condition. There are many more interesting and unusual rifles in this collection, but time and space does not permit full coverage.

Among his pistols is a pearl handled knife pistol, complete with mould, ramrod, etc. This is an unusually fine specimen of this unusual percussion firearm. A real dual-purpose weapon, a good knife and protection gun. One other revolver that deserves mention is a N.W.M.P. Enfield revolver, Ser. #5301, issue #38. (Can any of you N.W.M.P. buffs tell us about this gun?). The stamp and condition of this revolver make it a very desirable arm to own.

Fred's cartridges show many good specimens, and Fred's desire is to get a set of Sharps cartridges. He has several good ones in his display now including a 44/60, 45/100, also 40/85 and 40/63 Ballards, and a host of "goodies" that make cartridge collectors such as myself green with envy.

I spent a very enjoyable evening with Fred not long ago and managed to make a few deals with him at this time. I can well recommend his hospitality and I am sure Fred would like to see collectors drop in and see him. He is always ready to make a deal so bring your trading stuff.

F O R T H E S A K E O F A R G U M E N T

Gundar Holmes

says

" I can't see why Canadian collectors get so steamed up over Colts and Sharps and Winchesters and other United States and British items.

These Yankee antiques and Limey bric-a-brac are overrated and generally over priced. About the only good thing that can be said is that our Canadian laddies can still pick them up fairly reasonable and earn a little 'gun money' by selling them to the person with whom price is no object.

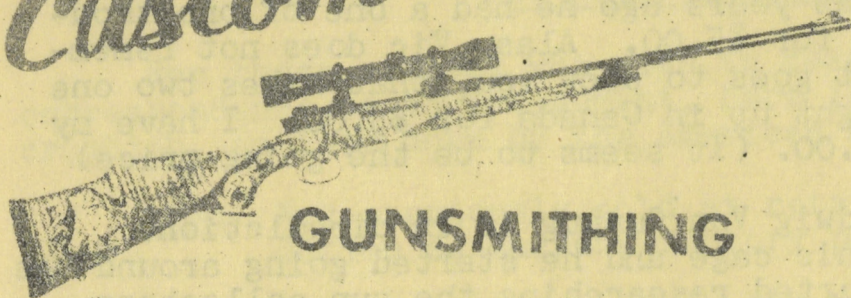
It is time we stopped paying homage to the American, British and German myth and started to do something about our own intrinsic Canadian firearms heritage. Oh, the hue and cry will be raised that the Snider and Winchester won and held our Canadian West, and so on ad nauseam. But the truth is that their role was a very minor one compared to the work done by the percussion and flintlock weapons of muzzle loading origin carried by Sam Hearne and the voyageurs of the great fur trading days. And for that matter our early western settlers probably used far more .43 Mausers and .41 Swiss rifles than anything else, since they were cheaper and could stand fairly rough treatment.

It is time our Canadian collectors developed a little pride in their own country and started thinking Canadian. Jim Gooding has started the ball rolling with his very excellent book on early Canadian gunsmiths. And it is my guess, nay, it is my considered opinion that before long we Canadian collectors will be forced to turn our attention homewards. United States Colts and Sharps, German Lugers and Walthers, British Sniders and Martinis (no, not the cocktail) and what have are rapidly being priced out of reach. These collectors will soon have eaten the goose that lays the golden eggs and that will be the end of it. And that will be all to the good because then our own collectors will have to turn home for a new hatch and we then appreciate the early Canadian gunsmith.

As I said a moment ago, Jim Gooding's fine book gets us off to a fine start on exclusively Canadian weaponry up to 1900. One might go on from there to mention the ill-fated Ross, the Tobin and even the lowly Cooley. Research is beginning to uncover a wealth of interesting information which I trust will soon be in print. A monument to Canadiana.

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Well, we will be into another year shortly and I hope that all members will renew memberships. It is realized that the rate is higher but dollar for dollar our association is hard to beat.

A month or so ago I took out a Webley automatic pistol to see what this little beast would do. To start with it will win no awards in a gun beauty contest. It looks like they started out with a slide and barrel, and stuck the grips and hammer on as an afterthought. Apart from the looks I found that this little 32 functioned good, I had no misfires, and the action was rather smooth, considering the feel of the gun. It is a two handed job to cock the gun when the hammer is down, and the safety is reverse from normal guns, with the safety up for fire and down for safe. This safety is located on the left side of the gun and in the fire position sticks half way up the slide.

Accuracy leaves a little to be desired, but consistent hits could be had at a gallon can at about 25 ft. No target gun, but adequate for defense if you shoot at fat people.

The take down is simple (if you know how). The trigger guard is hinged, you pull down on that portion near the trigger, and it springs forward. This releases the barrel and the barrel then slides forward, followed by the action. After the last shot the slide remains to the rear and the magazine must be drawn from the gun to get the slide forward. There is no slide catch, and immediately upon drawing the magazine the slide returns to the forward position. Not a very good system, and I have the cut to prove it.

Well, on to other things. At the Gun Show at Rivers I was talking to Vic Boxall of Killarney, Man., about guns and one of one thousands. Vic then told me that years ago he had a one of one thousand 73 Winchester, and sold it for \$5.00. Alas, Vic does not remember to whom he sold it. But, it goes to show you, that makes two one of one thousand's that were bought up in Canada for \$5.00. I have my order in for the next one at \$5.00. (It seems to be the going price)

Well, once again Prof. Ludwig Von Gunbug is in circulation. Somebody left the door open on his cage and he started going around the gun shows. Old Prof. Ludwig started researching the gun collectors and tabulated his results. Only with his gracious permission are we able to get this summary before it went into the United Head-Shrinkers Journal. One note, it seems that the dear Prof. thought that he was on a bird watching excursion and got a little mixed up in his summary.

Most common species seen at gun shows:

YELLOW NECKED TRADER: Easily distinguished by arms full of trading material. Can be seen going from table to table switching his load of possessions. Use caution with this bird, has a sharp bite.

SCREAMING SECRETARY BIRD: Use extreme caution around this species. Approach is with hand extended and usually wants table rent or money for some other unknown purpose. Best defense for this bird, hide under table, he may go away.

MANY BILLED OBSERVER: Can be seen loitering around tables, a non-member of the species, picking up gun after gun, and snapping each one. Only one cure is known for this species, but frowned on by S.P.C.A.

RED-BEAKED SWIZZLER: Friendly species. Usually frequents socials, is known for definite allergy to take water internally. Peculiar mating call -- hic, hic, hic.

RED VESTED PRESIDENT: Can be distinguished around election time from other of the species. Smiling all the time, shaking hands and kissing eggs.

FLOWERED WALLFLOWER: Female of the species. Can be seen at shows sitting in corner while male associates with YELLOW NECKED TRADER. This bird is usually tame, but is known to be quite hard to handle at times.

WHITE SPECKLED PLOVER: Usually local bird who arrives on scene with valuable item. Is beset upon by hordes of other species who peck him without mercy. Usually leaves with tail dragging.

It is too bad that the dear Prof. did not have time to finish this interesting study on an interesting species but alas, some bird collectors with nets took him away to his gilded cage.

Well, that about wraps up another vicious assault at the literary world. One thing that this column has taught me is quite simple, when they start handing out Oscars for writing, I won't get one.

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N. R. A. STANDARDS

For those members who wish to describe a gun in either correspondence or advertisement, here is the 'STANDARD' description, as laid down by the American Rifleman.

NEW: Not previously sold at retail, in the same condition as current factory production.

NEW, DISCONTINUED: Same as NEW but discontinued model.

EXCELLENT: New condition, used, but little, no noticeable marring (except at muzzle or sharp edges).

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GOOD: In safe working condition, minor wear on working surfaces, no broken parts, no corrosion or pitting that will interfere with proper functions.

FAIR: In safe working condition but well worn, perhaps requiring replacement of minor parts or adjustments which should be indicated in the advertisement, no rust but may have minor corrosion pits which do not render the article unsafe or in operable.

POOR: Badly worn, perhaps requiring major adjustments or repairs to place it in operating condition.

All the above descriptions are used to describe MODERN firearms, for the older or ANTIQUE weapons the following descriptions should be used.

FACTORY NEW: All original parts, 100% original finish, in perfect condition in every respect, inside and out.

EXCELLENT: All original parts, over 80% original finish, sharp lettering, numerals and design on metal and wood, unmarred wood and fine bore.

FINE: All original parts, over 30% original finish, sharp lettering, numerals and design on metal and wood, good bore.

VERY GOOD: All original parts, none to 30% original finish, original metal surfaces smooth with all edges sharp, clear lettering, numerals and design on metal, wood slightly scratched or bruised, bore disregarded for collectors firearms.

GOOD: Some minor replacement parts, metal smoothly rusted or lightly pitted in places, cleaned or reblued, principal lettering, numerals and design on metal legible, wood refinished, scratched, bruised or minor cracks repaired, in good working order.

FAIR: Some major parts replaced, minor replacement parts may be required, metal rusted, may be lightly pitted all over, vigorously cleaned or reblued, rounded edges of metal and wood, principal lettering, numerals and design on metal partly obliterated, wood scratched, bruised or cracked or repaired where broken, in fair working order or can be easily repaired and placed in working order.

POOR: Major and minor parts replaced, major replacement parts required and extensive restoration needed, metal deeply pitted, principal lettering, numerals and design obliterated, wood badly scratched, bruised, cracked or broken, mechanical inoperative, generally undesirable as a collector's item.

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This is your magazine and is only as good as you make it. We are constantly in need of new articles, new members and new ideas. You can help. Put those ideas or information on paper and don't worry about the format, grammar or spelling. We will fix it up so that it will at least look as bad as ours. If you cannot do that, send us a postcard with a friends name and address so that we know you are alive and receiving this literary gem. Thanks, and a good New Year for Collecting.

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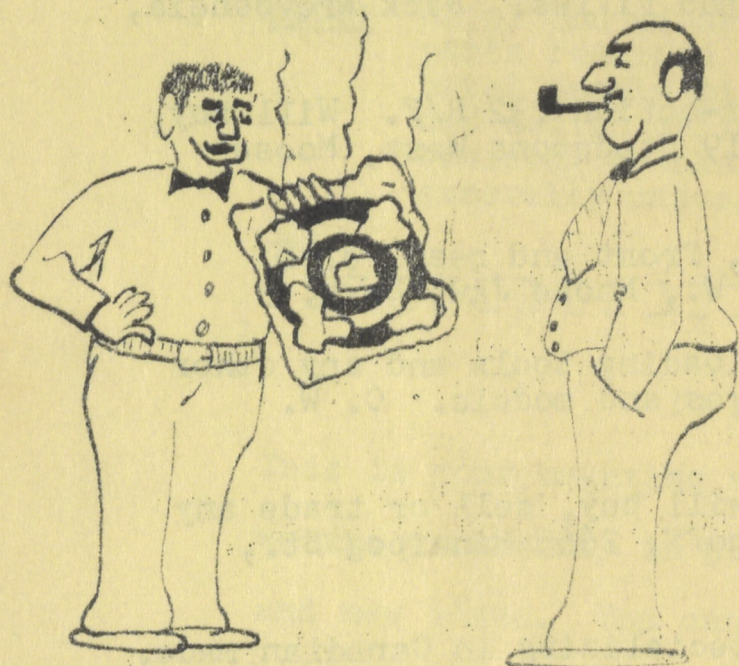
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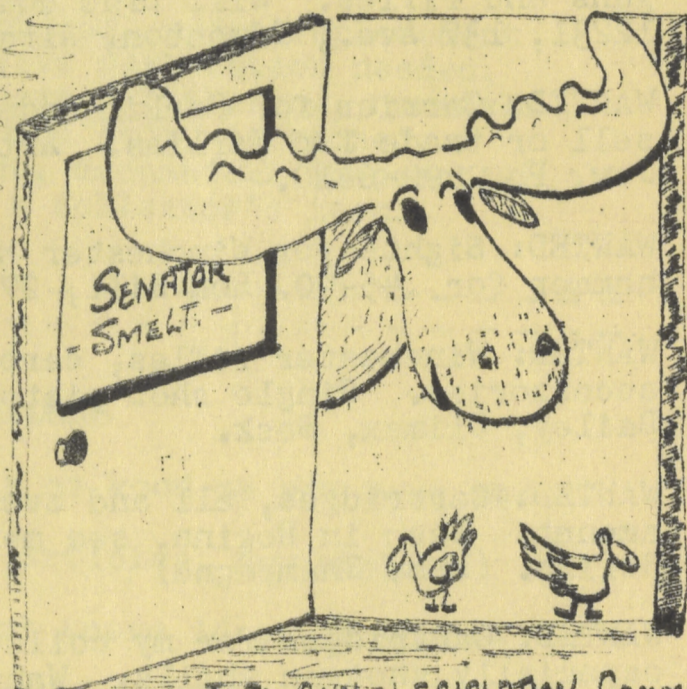
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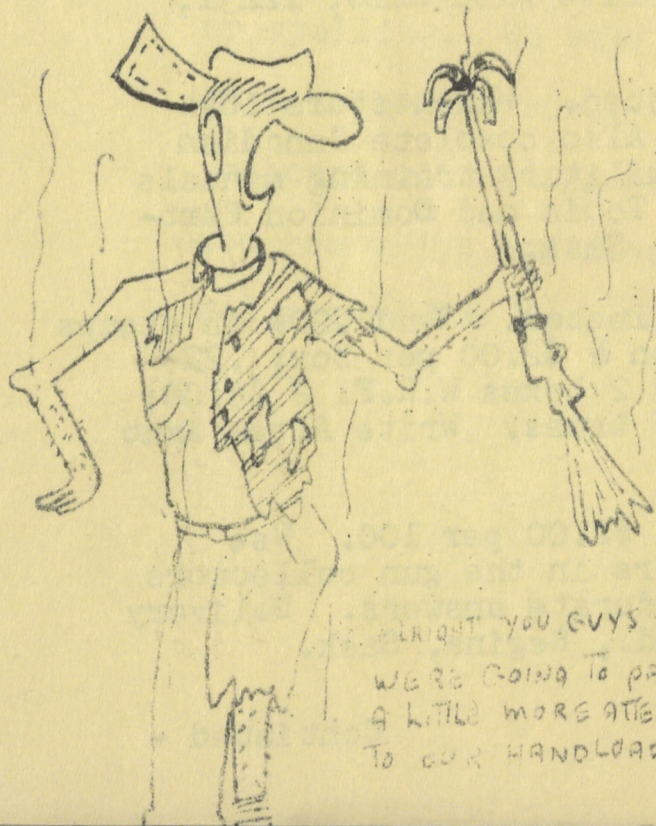
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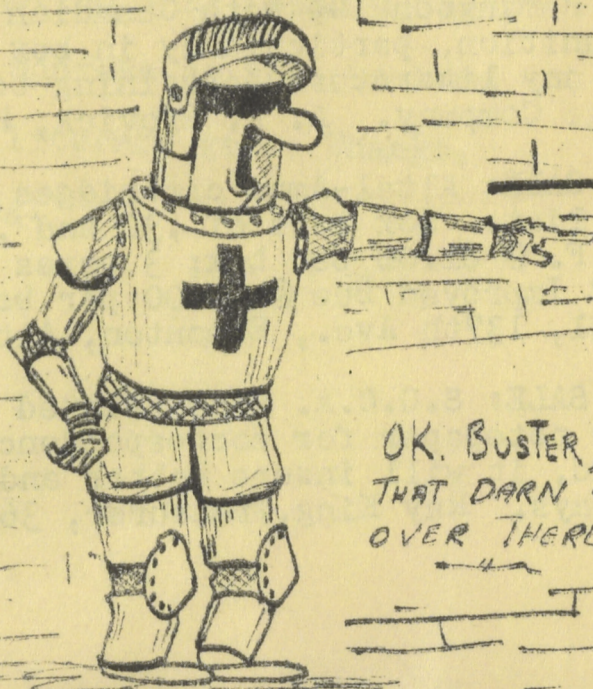
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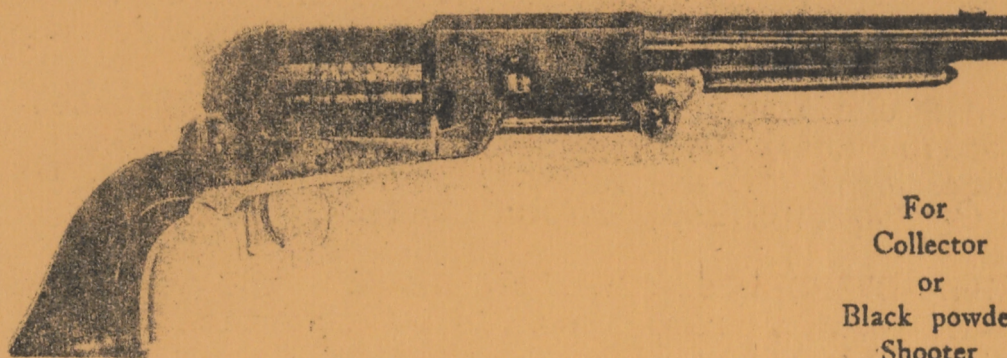


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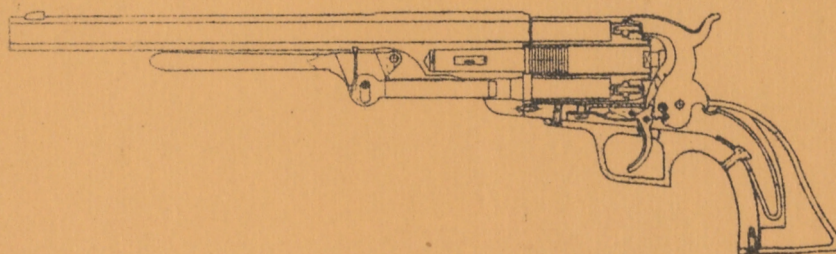
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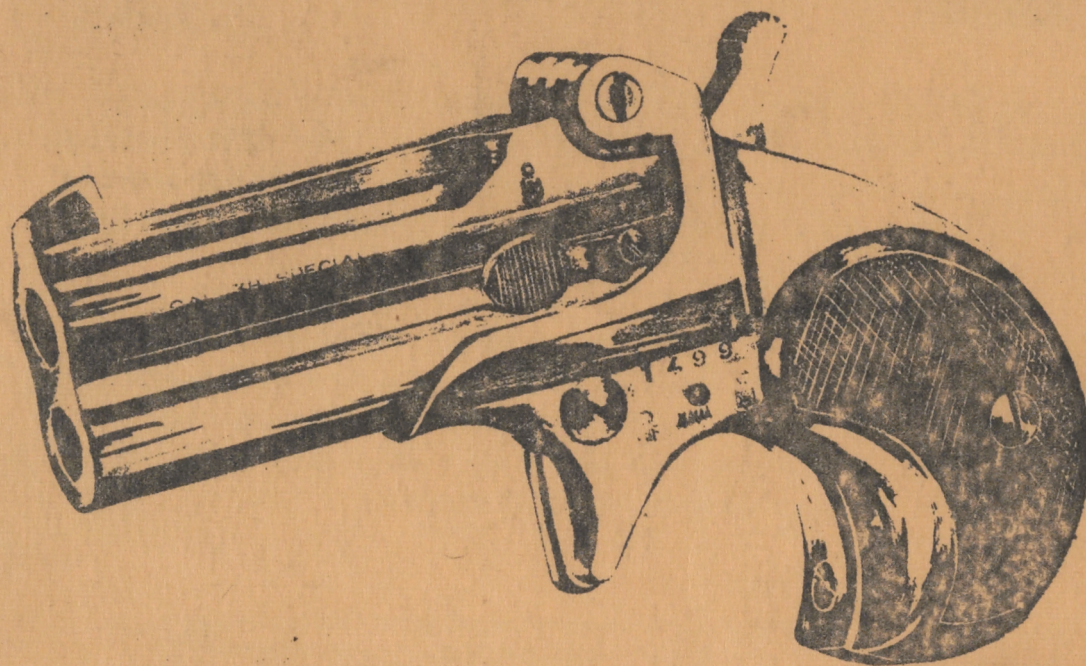
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